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### POETICAL.

The World Would be the Better for it.

By M. H. COBB.

If men cared less for wealth and fame,  
And less for battle-fields and glory;  
If writ in human hearts a name  
Seemed better than in song and story;

If men instead of nursing pride,  
Would learn to hate it and abhor it—

If more relied

On love to guide,

The world would be the better for it.

If men dealt less in stocks and lands,  
And more in bonds and debts fraternizing;

If love's work had more willing hands  
To link this world to the supernal;

If men stored up Love's oil and wine,  
And on bruised human hearts would pour it,

Wife's "yours" and "mine"

Would once combine,

The world would be the better for it.

More would act the play of Life,  
And fewer spoil it by rehearsal;

If bigotry would sheathe its knife  
'Till Good becomes more universal;

If Custom, gay with ages grown,  
Had fewer blind men to adore it—

If latent shame

In Truth alone,

The world would be the better for it.

If men were wise in little things—  
Affecting less in all their dealings;

If hearts had fewer noxious strings  
To isolate their kindly feelings;

If men, when Wrong beats down the Right,  
Would strike together and restore it—

If Right made Might

In every fight,

The world would be the better for it.

### Madeline Poetry.

The following effusion, a Madeline, appeared in the Cairo Times, in communication of the railroad excursion. The machine worked tolerably well:

Down through the timber land  
Steam engine thundered;  
Rail cars behind it  
Hold the six hundred  
(and twenty-five more or less.)  
Spiked how they rattled out!

Nobody blundered,  
Not even the engineer,  
A thing consciuously queer,  
At which we all wondered.

All washed and combed and dressed,  
All together raised and mess'd up,  
Squeezed and jammed and pressed up,

In one almighty jumble—  
The haughty and the humble,  
Directors and directed,  
Electors and elected,  
Invited and invited,

Some disgusted, some delighted,  
Fearless some, and some affrighted,  
Each with a ticket of invitation,  
From the greatest railroad in all creation.'

### The Retort.

By GEORGE F. MORRIS.

Old Birch, who taught a village school  
Wedded a maid of homespun habit;  
He was as stubbon as a mule,

And she was playful as a rabbit,  
Poor Kate has scarce become a wife  
Before her husband sought to make her

The pink of country polished life,  
And prim and formal as a Quaker.

One day the tutor went abroad,  
And simple Kitty sadly missed him;

When he returned, behind her lord  
She stily spoke, and fondly kissed him.

The husband's anger rose; and red

And white his face alter grew:

"Less freedom, man! and" Kat sighed and said,

"Oh, dear! I didn't know 'twas you!"

Some of the effects of ignited powder are wonderful. When it is heated up in the air and inflamed, there is no report, and but little effect is produced. A small quantity open and ignited in a room, forces the air outwards, so as to blow out the windows; but the same quantity confined in a comb, within the same room and ignited, tears in pieces the whole house.

Count Rumford loaded a mortar with one twelfth of an ounce of powder, and placed upon it a 24lb. cannon ball; he then closed up every opening, and fired the charge, which burst the mortar with a tremendous explosion, and lifted up its enormous weight. He also put 22 grains of powder in a cylindrical space, which it just filled, and, upon being fired, it tore asunder a piece of iron which would have resisted a strain of four hundred thousand pounds.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Bargain with a Chescocooker.

BY SAM SLICK.

"You will find," said the Doctor, "the men (I except the other set always) are as acute as you are at a farthing. You are more like to be bitten than to bite, if you try that game with them."

"Bet you a dollar," said I, "I sell the old coin as easy as a clock. What a Chescocooker a match for a Yankee! Come, I like that; that is good. Here goes for a trial, at any rate."

"Monsieur," said I, "have you any wood to sell?"

"So much the better."

Vivier sat down, was in his happiest vein,

played the agreeable to all the family, and seemed quite unconscious that he had all the burthen of the entertaining; and that except a few monosyllables, the conversation was reduced to a mere monologue.

On the fourth day, at 6 o'clock previously,

the obstinate guest once more presented himself.

This time coldness and restraint were very per-

fective.

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# The Kentucky Tribune.

JUNEL 1, 1855.

The New York Herald's Opinion  
Know-Nothings the only Reckless Party in the North.

The New York Herald—a paper often quoted and relied upon by the Southern Democracy—has an article in relation to the Administration and Gov. Roeder, in which, after quoting from various Administration papers at the North which satirize Roeder, the editor proceeds as follows:

"Here, then, we see that the most conservative of the administration journals—those North have joined the cause of Roeder and his free-soil land speculators. The South need no longer look to the Northern Democracy for support. They have gone over and joined the Kitchen Cabinet spokesman, on the free-soil crusade that was to west the Territory of Kansas from the Southern sympathies, and make it an abolition rendezvous for fugitive slaves and underground railroad conspiracies against the people of Missouri and Arkansas, and the general interests of the South."

"We perceive, also, in these manifestations of Northern Democratic sentiment, the tendency of the administration free-soil faction of the North to a fusion with the Southern Holy Alliance. It is also very evident from these strong indications, that the only party of the North which can hope to win by the South in 1856, is the Know Nothing organization, now well purified, as soon will be of all refuse of the Mass. Anti-Slavery party, and all such sectional agitators."

What does each of us mean? Will it believe the truth, that the American organization is the only organization at the North which can or will stand upon national ground, upholding the Union and the freedom of all sections, or will it be hidden by the strenuous outcry of those who, for more party purposes, charge this great conservative party with being the only of the fanaticism of which it is the justly deserved enemy? Why should men continue to believe a lie, when the truth is so plain.

THE RECENT BOMBARDMENT OF SHANGHAI BY THE FRENCH AND IMPERIALISTS.—W. S. WOODRUFF, of Ohio, now in Shanghai, writes thus to his father, of this bombardment, of which he was an eye-witness:

"SHANGHAI, CHINA, Jan. 21.

"From the packet which goes forward with this mail, you will learn how unpleasantly foreigners are situated in China. Our position now begins to assume a critical aspect, and it would not be surprising if, ere long, foreigners should be entirely driven away from here, though I do not anticipate such an event."

"On the 6th inst., the French forces, in combination with a large body of Imperialists, made an attack upon the city.—The bombardment from the vessels-of-war and shore batteries, the latter only one-fourth of a mile from our house, commenced at daybreak, and the cannonade was terrible. In two hours a breach was effected in the walls, and the French and their allies rushed in. The former maintained their position with determined bravery for three hours. The yell of musketry, the roar of cannon, the explosion of the shells and the furious shouts of the contending parties were awful; and the terrors of the scene were heightened by the dense volume of smoke and flame bursting simultaneously from a dozen different parts of the city. At length the French were driven from the breach, with a loss of about fifty men and officers killed and wounded; as for the Imperialists, they were literally cut to pieces, having lost about one thousand men in killed and wounded, many of whom were killed in jumping from the wall."

"In our settlement all was in a commotion; drums rolling and artillery wagons rattling past to take up their position on the outskirts of our bounds, to protect us in case of need. It would be impossible to communicate to you the horrors of the scene. From my position I could see the dead and wounded Imperialists carried by some of the soldiers with hands and limbs torn off, many dismembered, &c. Our own Chinese barbarians of the camp, I tell you, a Chinaman is the worst. The veritable cowards in open fight, but perfect demons in dealing with a fallen foe. Men in a constant state of excitement, no day passes that does not yield some victim, even to feed the flames. The whole country seems in a ferment of revolution, while all the Chinese are swarming with pirates, who are enabled to exercise their nefarious vocation with impunity during the present state of anarchy on the land."

"It is unsafe to venture out to sea save in a steamer now."

"The catastrophe has yet to come, and we look for it from day to day. I mean the capture of the city. Then we will rate a scene of horror which will thrill in the shade till we have thus witnessed."

Cleve and Flan Dealer, 12th inst.

"On Thursday, the 10th inst., about one hundred and fifty armed men, with their faces blackened, proceeded to the Birch Creek Reservoir, on the Wabash and Erie Canal, about sixteen miles below Terre Haute, Indiana, and let out all the water. Last year the same outrage was committed, the inhabitants alleging that the large amount of dead timber lying in the pond created a malady and produced sickness. They then promised that if this timber was removed, they would not further molest the reservoir. The Trustees, at a great expense, took the timber from the bed of the reservoir, but it appears this has not satisfied the vengeance of the inhabitants."

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"We learn from the Nashville Whig, of Tuesday, that the Hon. B. Edwards Gray, of this State, was seriously though not dangerously injured, by an accident on the stage line west of Huntsville, Alabama, some days since. The horses attached to the stage in which he was a passenger took fright and ran away overrunning the coach, by which his uncle was badly sprained and the bone fractured. With his characteristic indomitable energy, he pursued his journey by stage and railroad with brief intervals of rest, until he reached Nashville, suffering much pain from fatigue and irritation of his wounded limb. He adds the Whig, now at the Verandah Hotel in the city, where, with good medical and other attention, we are happy to say he is rapidly recovering, and will probably in a few days be in a condition again to go ahead."

"The wheat crop in this county is in a good condition."

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.  
Discovery of the Cause and Nature of Cholera.

We have just read an essay bearing the above title, by Dr. Knapp, of Covington, Ky., in which he purports to have discovered the cause, nature, cure, and prevention of epidemic cholera. The Doctor discards all previously conceived notions on this subject, and attributes the attacks of cholera to the causes which produce scrofulous affections. He is induced to do this from the fact that the winters and springs preceding the appearance of cholera, as an epidemic, were marked by severe cold, which caused an abridgment of the supplies of succulent vegetables as articles of food, thus giving rise to scurvy in its most virulent form. He says:

"The reasons drawn from observation for believing cholera to be of scrofulous character are as follows, to wit: The coincidences of cold winters and retarded springs preceding its outbreak. It is a matter of history that the winter of 1831-32 was one of the coldest winters ever known. The rivers and harbors of the United States were frozen from November until April, and winter was literally found lingering in the lap of May. The succeeding winter was one of great heat and drought. Reasoning from the intensity of these meteoric influences throughout the United States, the crops must have been distressingly abridged; and the stores of succulent vegetables and fruits extensively frosteted, and prices exorbitantly high in the spring of 1832. Under the operation of these causes of scurvy, active in the highest degree when the summer heat of June of that year struck the United States, the cholera broke out in New York and other cities and large towns and raged until the scrofulous subjects were slaughtered, and the public health was repaired by the ripening and free use of vegetables and fruits. Unfortunately for the state of the public health during that season, fruits and vegetables were interdicted by medical opinion, the notion gaining almost universal credence that they were exciting causes of cholera, which opinion has ever since prevailed in the United States."

Reasoning from these and a host of corroborating facts, the writer says:

"I am forced to the conclusion that cholera is but a modified form of scrofulosis, or a younger sister scourge of the same parentage, probably better expressed by calling it a hemorrhagic termination, or a manifestation of the dying phenomena of scrofulosis."

The essayist brings a large number of well-authenticated cases, taken from various hospitals throughout the Union, to confirm the correctness of this theory; and judging from the large array of statistical facts favoring his conclusion, we must confess that there is more plausibility in his reasonings on the subject than can be found in any one of the various theories promulgated in regard to this dreadful scourge.

As regards the Doctor's treatment of cholera, he recommends the same course as is usually pursued in the advanced stages of scrofulous attacks. This mode of treatment he has tested in a large number of cases with eminent success. As a preventive, he earnestly advises the free use of succulent vegetables, acidulated drinks, &c., thus differing from the majority of the profession in this country, who, as a general thing, interdict the free use of vegetables during the prevalence of this disease.

The theory of Dr. Knapp is original, plausible, and well worthy of the attention of the medical profession throughout the country.

The Lafayette (Ind.) American, has the following:

DISTRESSING SUICIDE IN LOGANSPORT. We are indebted to Ex-Mayor O'Brien, for the following: On Friday evening last, about dusk, Spencer Davis, a young man about twenty-five years old, nephew of the late General Tipper, blew his brains out with a pistol, loaded with several buckshot, under the following circumstances: He was a printer, and worked in the office of the Pharos; had for some time past been addicted to hard drinking. He had been endeavoring to pay his addresses to a young lady named Baldwin, who resides on an island in the Wabash, by whom his suit was rejected. On Friday evening he went to the gate of the house and called the young lady, saying he wished to bid her good-bye, as he was going away. Upon coming out, she perceived a pistol in his hand, which he was attempting to conceal behind him. She immediately ran into the house in great alarm, fastened the door, and sent a boy through a back window for her father, who soon arrived, and found Davis sitting upon the porch. As he entered the gate, Davis rose up, and Mr. Baldwin perceiving a pistol in his hand which he was in the act of raising, said to him, "Davis, don't hurt me." Davis replied, "No, Baldwin, I wouldn't harm a hair of your head," and immediately discharged the pistol into his own right temple. He fell, bleeding copiously, with a horrid wound in the head, out of which the brains immediately oozed, but, nevertheless, he lived for several hours.

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WE have just received a large stock of Goods in my line, consisting, in part, of the following articles:

A WELL-IMPROVED FARM FOR SALE, SITUATED in Lincoln County, Ky., 4 miles east of Stanford, 1 mile from the Walnut Flat, and 1 mile from the Turnpike leading from Crab Orchard to Stanford,

Containing 350 Acres

of good land, one-half cleared, and all under good fence, and in a high state of cultivation.

The improvements consist of a comfortable Brick Dwelling-House, good negro cabin, corn cribs, stables, and all other necessary outbuildings; also a WATER MILL for grinding corn, a good apple orchard, and fruit trees, and never a neighbor.

This valuable Farm will be sold low, as the owner is determined to move West. For terms, &c., apply to the undersigned on the premises.

WILLIAM M. LACKEY.

Lincoln county, march 23, '55 ff.

NEW STOCK!

I HAVE just received a large stock of Goods

in my line, consisting, in part, of the following articles:

6 dozen Cove Oysters;

3 " Spiced do;

8 " Sardines;

4 " Pigeon Peaches;

4 " Pears, assorted sizes jars;

2 " Tomato Ketchup;

2 " Pepper Sauces;

3 " Worcester-Sauce;

50 pounds Nuts, assorted;

100 " Macaroni;

300 " Large Dairy Cheese;

400 " Large Raisins;

20 boxes Sea Caviar;

24 dozen Smoking Tobacco, &c.

Which will be sold low for cash.

J. C. HEWEY.

may 11 ff.

## Telegraphic News.

New York, May 23.—The Empire City has arrived. She brings Havana dates to the 23d, which are already received via New Orleans.

The San Joaquin was to leave Havana on the 24th. The steamer Fulton and the schooner Cayenne are at Havana.

Cayenne has returned from his trip to the interior.

The prisoners who have been confined in prison here, with some few exceptions, have received passports to proceed to Spain.

The yellow fever and small pox are prevailing to a considerable extent.

The acting U. S. consul issued a circular warning American sailors.

Sugars are firm. The increased duty of Great Britain has not materially affected prices.

NEW ORLEANS, May 23.—Orizaba, Mexico, dates to the 19th have been received.

Santa Anna reached Morelia, and marched for Lamora, where large numbers of insurgents are concentrated. A decisive battle is expected.

A letter says the insurgents have succeeded in separating Santa Anna's army, which marched in three divisions.

The insurgents at Guadalupe were defeated by the government cavalry.

There was a destructive hurricane in Mexico on the 9th.

The grand jury has returned a true bill against Kendall for embezzeling valuable letters.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Intelligence from Wolf river, Kansas, on the 12th from Great Chief mountain report plenty of snow.

Sioux tribes moving in large numbers toward Fort Laramie. Talking of war, Col. Cook left Leavenworth on the 15th with a detachment of Infantry and one Cavalry company for Fort Laramie.

Several thousand warriors were at Ash Hollow.

E. BARBOURX. R. W. SNOWDEN

BARBOURX & SNOWDEN,  
(successors to TEVIS & BARBOURX.)

HYDRAULIC FOUNDRY,

corner of Washington and Floyd Sts., LOUISVILLE, KY.

Manufacturers of Steam Engines

READY MADE CLOTHING,

Cast Iron Screw Pipes for Gas, Steam and Water. Also, Socket and Flange Pipe;

FORCE AND TILT PUMPS,

Of various kinds and sizes;

CAST IRON RAILING;

Tobacco Screens and Presses; Lord, Timer and Mill Screens;

Railroad Car Wheels and other Castings for Railroads, and general Job Work.

Louisville, may 25 ff.

NEW JEWELRY STORE!

WE have opened on Main Street in Louisville, in the building occupied by Mr. C. H. Brown, a jeweler. We sell Jewelry and Goldsmith's articles.

CONTAINING 125 Acres.

WE have a fine state of cultivation, with a good farm, and all the necessary buildings.

We also have a Knob Land, lying sufficiently near to supply timber.

J. S. CALDWELL.

Boyle co., may 4, '55 ff.

SOAP.—1000 Country Soap; 10 boxes Rose Soap, and a large lot of Fine Soaps.

H. HAMILTON.

May 4 ff.

LARGE SALE OF IMPORTED SHORT-HORN DURHAM.

Belonging to the estate of the said Vanmeter, consisting of

Bulls, Cows and Heifers!

WE have a fine stock of Eastern Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

FOR CASH.

WE have a fine stock of Western Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

WE have a fine stock of English Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

WE have a fine stock of French Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

WE have a fine stock of German Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

WE have a fine stock of Italian Boots, and Shoes, &c., &c.

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DANVILLE, KY.,  
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1855.

## AMERICAN STATE TICKET

1855.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
**WILLIAM V. LOVING,**  
OF WARREN.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR,  
**JAMES G. HARDY,**  
OF BARREN.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
**JAMES HARLAN,** OF Franklin.

FOR TREASURER,  
**R. C. WINTERSMITH,** OF Hardin.

FOR REGISTRY OF LAND OFFICE,  
**ANDREW M'KINLEY,** OF Louisville.

FOR AUDITOR,  
**THOS. S. PAGE,** OF Franklin.

FOR DEPTN'S BOARD INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT,  
**DAVID R. HAGGARD,** OF Cumberland.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,  
**REV. J. D. MATTHEWS,** OF Fayette.

For Congress,  
**FONTAIN T. FOX,** of Boyle.

For the State Senate,  
**J. W. BURTON,** of Boyle.

For the House of Representatives  
**G. F. LEE.**

CENTRE COLLEGE.—The summer session of this institution commences on Monday next. No institution in the country enjoys a higher reputation, and none are in a more flourishing condition. Its Faculty is composed of men who combine with great ability much experience in teaching, and its graduates are to be found in every section of the country, adorning the highest positions in society.

### Cheering News.

Lexington and Danville Railroad.

We have been shown a private letter written from Cincinnati to a gentleman of this place, in which it is stated that the subscription of \$100,000 stock to our road has been made that day, and that by to-morrow a much large sum will probably be subscribed. This we presume places the early completion of the road to the river beyond question.

UNION MEETING.—The following call for Union County Meeting to be held at Perryville, has been issued during the week.

A Union Meeting will be held at Perryville, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1855, for the purpose of calling into consideration the propriety of sending a delegation to the State of New York to represent the large batch of unpolished Loyalists, who will boldly advocate Southern interests and Southern principles, and openly oppose the principles set forth by all Northern Emancipationists or Free Soil, &c.

JOYCE, COUNTY, May 25th, 1855.

S. T. H. MITCHELL, Jr., of this place, has been unanimously elected Cashier of the Harrodsburg Branch of the Commercial Bank of Kentucky, in place of Daniel G. Hatch, Esq., resigned. Mr. Mitchell is one of the best Bank officers in the State. His appointment takes effect on the 1st of July next.

We are informed that Hon. B. L. Clarke has an appointment to speak in Perryville on the 22d day of the present month. We hope Sam will have some friend there to reply to the honorable gentleman, and correct any of the little misstatements which Mr. C. is said to be prone to make.

We were in Lancaster one day last week and had the pleasure of meeting with our old friend Dr. O. P. Hill, who has recently returned from a trip to Oregon and California. The Doctor looks well, and is as clever and communicative as ever, and gives a glowing and interesting account of his travels. We would be glad to have him contribute to our paper. Some of the incidents of his journeys would look well in print, and would prove highly readable.

MON. FINE WOOL.—MESSRS. JASSE AND BENJAMIN DENN of Garrard County, sent to our office a few days since, a specimen of wool measuring 14 inches in length, taken from a yearling Cotswold ewe. The entire fleece weighed 12 pounds.

COTTON.—Our young friend Mr. Wm. H. Waggener, presented to us a few days ago some specimens of pocket cutlery, embracing a superior "Barlow." Messrs. Waggener have a fine stock of Cutlery both for the table and pocket.

There are some statements in the Somers Democrat concerning the canvass in this District, to which we desire to allude in our next. We would do so in our present issue, had we received the paper in time.

The rejoicings of the anti-American presses at the defeat of Americanism in Virginia and the consequent triumph of foreign Catholicism and infidelity in that State, seems to us to be rather unnatural. If the American party has not the good of the country at heart, then there is no party which has, but still there are to be found Americans native born, who can rejoice to see the foreign element in our land, led on by corrupt time-serving demagogues, achieve a triumph over American men with American principles.

A PARALLEL.—The New York Times says: "There is a law of this State requiring all church property to be held by trustees elected by the congregations. The Catholics, after trying the experiment, alleged that it failed with them, in consequence, mainly of the unfitness of their congregation to exercise the power of election which the law conferred." And yet if any Protestant were to hint at depriving Catholics of the right of voting for civil officers, the language would contain no terms sufficiently bitter for their denunciation. What is sence for the goose is not always sence for the gander.

WELL SAID.—The Cynthians News, in an able article on religious freedom, says: "With the religion of the Roman Catholics the American party has nothing to do—against that, it has no shaft of opposition. It is against the political doctrines and policy of the Romish Church, as avowed and declared by itself, that the American party wages its opposition."

VIRGINIA ELECTION.—The following despatches contain the latest news we have from the Virginia election. The returns for Congressmen and other officers are not given. The Democratic candidates for Congress are reported to be elected, and also a majority of the members of the Legislature:

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.  
The returns of the majorities officially reported of 107 counties favor up for Wise 19,032; Flounay 11,646.

The majority for Wise is 7,386. The number of votes cast for the head from which gave Pierce 1,151 majority.

In Accomac (the county in which Mr. Wise lives,) Flounay obtained a majority of 110.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29, Noon.  
110 counties in Virginia heard from officially, give Wise 10,781 majority. 32 counties to hear from, which gave Pierce, in 1852, 591 majority.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 29, P. M.  
The friends of Wise are now firing 100 guns from Capitol Hill.

Wise's majorities continue to roll in. Mr. Wise left here for Accocan this afternoon. Aggregate in "Little Tennessee" district gives McMullen (Dem.) a majority of 3,209 for Congress.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.—The Democracy are sounding the shout of victory throughout the land, at the election of Wise as Governor of Virginia. They are easily satisfied. In these days of Americanism, when the opposers of American principles, are loosing ground on every hand, if they happen to hold there own in one State which has always voted for them by large majorities, they are given to the feeling that they have achieved a great triumph. The election of Wise is no Democratic victory. His friends have carried the State by a greatly reduced majority as compared with Pierces' vote. But it is an Anti-American victory—a victory over the great principle that Americans are competent to govern their country, and should be selected to do so, in preference to persons of foreign birth. We admit that we are disappointed at this result, though we are unable to see why we should have expected any other. Wise, before the election, canvassed the entire State, and was assisted by all the influence of the Administration, and, it is said, as much Administration money as he required to gain his election, by misrepresentation of his opponents, by threats to the unprincipled. Flounay, on the other hand, made no speeches. If the latter had been elected, the last blow of annihilation would have been given to the opponents of Americanism. As it is, the true Americans of the country will only be made more watchful of their interests, and more determined to accomplish those objects.

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## California Indebtedness.

California, notwithstanding she is enriching the world with her annual yield of precious metals, is herself "over head and ears in debt"—not only as a State, but all her municipalities with heavy indebtedness, the result, as has well been observed, "extravagance, neglect, waste and robbery." San Francisco, with a population of 40,000, has a debt of \$3,342,766. The property assessed for the expense of the city's government, is valued at \$36,000,000, and pays the enormous tax of 4 per cent. Sacramento is the second place in the State in size. Its population is 12,000, and its taxable property is valued at \$7,000,000; yet it has a debt of \$1,500,000. Marysville has 6,000 inhabitants, and \$4,000,000 worth of taxable property, and a debt of \$70,000. San Francisco is plastered over with mortgages, bearing interest, not after the rate of New York 7 per cent per annum, but 2 per cent a month. In addition to this crushing load the land has to pay the tax collector 4 per cent upon a valuation! It was estimated in March last, by sharp business men there that the mortgage incumbrances upon San Francisco real estate amounted to \$10,929,000! Behind this debt how great the incumbrance—how large is the indebtedness to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and St. Louis.

**EDITIONS OF MORMON WOMEN.**—An edition belonging to Col. Stephen's company was exhibited at Salt Lake City, and sent to the Providence Journal, giving the condition of the Mormon women.

What a woe about their melancholy condition I will omit my long letter to a cause. As a general thing, a woman here, having lost what we call the "just," but which the Mormons call "the holy desires" of some righteous elders, is left to shift for herself; not the least support does she receive from him to whom she has been in many cases forced to prostitute herself. Their condition is infinitely worse than that of the slaves of the South.

One of the wives of "the chief of the Twelve Apostles" washed for a boarding house kept to support herself. Two wives of Parley P. Pratt, another apostle, have repeatedly begged for work. Women here have told me that their pretended husbands have not visited them for months and years. One of the apostles adorns a family of three girls to marry him, and to get them he would take his old mother. They refused, and he has since maligned them in every way.

We receive many requests for assistance to leave from women in every position. Their case is peculiarly hard; separated by hundreds of miles of plain and desert from the outside world, brought here by false inducements, degraded and oppressed, with no hope of succor, they sit in great, very great numbers entirely disaffected. They abhor the very thought of polygamy, the very name of Mormonism. This is the honest, simple truth.

**STATISTICS OF OLD AGE.**—The census of 1850 shows us that the oldest person then living in the United States was 140. This person was an Indian woman, residing in North Carolina. In the same State was an Indian aged 125; a negro woman, 111; two black slaves, 110 each; one mulatto male, 120; and several white male and female from 100 to 114. In the parish of Lafayette, La., was a female, black, aged 120. In several of the States there were found persons, white and black, aged from 110 to 115. There were in the United States, in 1850, 2,555 persons over 100 years. This shows that about one person in 9,000 will be likely to live to that age. There are now about 20,000 persons in the United States who were living when the Declaration of independence was signed in 1776. They must necessarily be nearly 80 years old now, in order to have lived at that time. The census of 1850, shows only 1,200 persons over 100 years old; though their total population was near 36,000,000. Old age is therefore attained among us much more frequently than in France.

**POTATO FEELINGS.**—We have recently manufactured by an article in the "Tribute of the South," to the following effect.—A negro boy was sent to empty some potato peels in the piggyery, but before doing it he scolded all the eyes, and planted them in the fence corner, and beat them with sticks, larger and harder than those of his master raised from whale potatoes and with "guiana." On mentioning the subject to an Englishman, he assures us that whole potatoes were never planted in the district from which he emigrated—nothing but the eyes. These were cut off the tuber, with more of the potato, however, than is usually taken off with the peeling, and planted in highly manured and well prepared soil, and large crops of the very best of potatoes are the result. The remainder of the potato is prepared for the table.

When potatoes are two dollars a bushel, much could be lost by planting a few seedlings for an experiment. The ground should of course be highly manured and the plants well tended. Let at least a few rows be planted beside the ordinary crop, and the result carefully noted. Try it, and let us hear from you—Is it a Farmer?

Of the ravages of insects, the Prince of Kentuckian says: Is this locust year, or is it a saturnalia general for insects of all kinds? The fly is cradling our wheat-fields, the cut-worms are sweeping gardens and corn-fields, and the locusts are going to destroy the remnant, we suppose. On Perryman's knot, just north-west of town, they are as numerous as a Russian army. A great many of the shrubs and bushes, in many cases good sized trees are stripped as bare of verdure as if a winter storm had swept through them. The ground is strewn thick with their locust shells, and if you toss a rock in any of the trees a crowd of locust will rise up with a roar that would do credit to Pharaoh's serenaders. On returning from the knot, we encountered an army of cut-worms that covered the road as thick as paving-stone.

## FUNERAL CALLS.

Having a supply of Fish's Metallic Buttons and needles, and having secured the use of a good two-handled SCARF-EARER, I am still prepared to attend funeral calls at any hour in town or country. Wreaths can be made to order as required.

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